

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO OBTAIN CUSTODY

Vessel Registration: WN7721V Boat Hull Number: WAZ6317C1974 Registration Expiration: 06-2011 Description: 1974 O'Day 22-foot Sailboat Vessel Name: PATERNITY LEAVE	REGISTERED OWNER:
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In accordance with RCW 79.100, this vessel, **WN7721V**, has been declared abandoned because it meets the definition of an abandoned vessel as described in RCW 79.100.010 (1). The City of Gig Harbor, acting as an authorized public entity with the authority granted in RCW 79.100, intends to take custody of the above named vessel on **February 16, 2012**.

After obtaining custody of the vessel, the City of Gig Harbor is authorized to use or dispose of it in any appropriate and environmentally sound manner without further notice to the owner. **In order for the owner to retain custody of the vessel, the owner must obtain authorization to moor or anchor the vessel in its current location (including all necessary permits and/or leases), move it to an anchorage area or moorage facility that has authorized the vessel, or remove the vessel from the water.**

The owner may appeal this decision to take custody by commencing a lawsuit with the Pierce County Superior Court within ten (10) days of the date this notification was provided. In the event of litigation, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. The owner will be liable for any costs owed the City of Gig Harbor relating to the impoundment, storage and/or disposal of the vessel. The costs the owner may be liable for include, but are not limited to, costs incurred exercising the authority granted in RCW 79.100.030, all administrative costs incurred by the authorized public entity during the procedure set forth in RCW 79.100.040, removal and disposal costs, and costs associated with environmental damages directly or indirectly caused by the vessel.

For more information regarding this action, contact the Sergeant Kelly Busey of the
Gig Harbor Police Department at (253) 853-2422.